Citation Formats

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The two citation formats that you are most likely to use as a high-school student or college freshmen are the APA and MLA formats. *APA* stands for "American Psychological Association", and *MLA* stands for "Modern Language Association". For authoritative reference on these citation styles, it is advisable for full-time college students to purchase the *Concise Rules of APA Style* and the *MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing[1]*.

Please be aware that when creating citations there are *Footnotes* and *Endnotes*. The numbered entries you see at the bottoms of pages in this document are Footnotes, which are an older style of notation that are often seen in library handouts and magazine articles, but not in papers you write for class. Most teachers, instructors and professors today will require *In text citations* and *Endnotes*. *In text citations* refer to an entry in your Works Cited or Reference List. *Endnotes* are numbered references cited in a text and gathered together on an MLA style *Works Cited* page or an APA style *Reference List* at the end of your paper.

MLA

Here is a link from the OWL website on creating MLA style in-text citations.

https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/02/

Here is a link from the OWL website on how to create an MLA Works Cited page.

https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/05/

APA

Here is a link from the OWL website on creating APA in-text citations.

https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/02/

Here is a link to the OWL website on how to create an APA Reference List.

https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/05/

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[1] The links provided in this document are to the publishers' websites, however you may be able to find a better price for these titles by looking for a used copy, or making your purchase through another vendor.

The Calvin Knightcite Web App

A very useful tool for formatting citations is the Calvin Knightcite Web App, provided by the Hekman library at Calvin University. The link for the Calvin Knightcite App is:
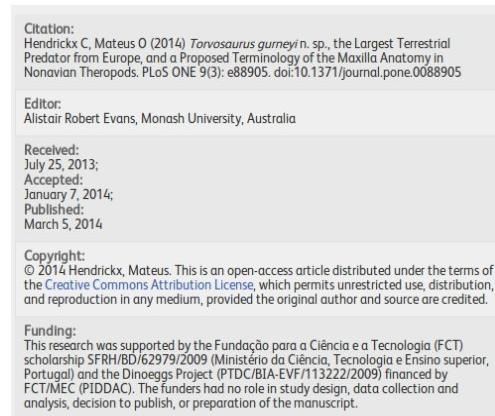
https://www.calvin.edu/library/knightcite/

Be sure to go through the menu at the left of the screen and select the conditions that apply to your citation list. This app defaults to a Basic Book citation format in the MLA style, so if you're citing another type of document you will have the incorrect format if you don't select the correct parameters for the document you're citing.

Citation Formats from Database Articles

Many academic databases and professional journals now provide citation information alongside articles. When you access an article summary page through a database or journal website, if you hunt around the page you'll often be able to find formatted MLA and APA citation entries that you can cut and paste into your Works Cited or Reference list. The example at the right shows citation information from an article that was published in the on-line journal PLOS one. This citation is in APA format and can be copied and pasted right into an APA Reference list.

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http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/word-help/insert-or-create-footnotes-and-endnotes-HA101854833.aspx

Creating Footnotes and Endnotes in Apache OpenOffice

https://wiki.openoffice.org/wiki/Documentation/OOoAuthors_User_Manual/Writer_Guide/Using_footnotes_and_endnotes

Creating Footnotes and Endnotes in Document Foundation LibreOffice

https://help.libreoffice.org/Writer/Inserting_and_Editing_Footnotes_or_Endnotes

Creating Footnotes and Endnotes in Apple Pages (IOS – iPad version)

http://support.apple.com/kb/ph3554